

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A baseball training device for use in improving batting skills, the device comprising an elongated member of at least a length to extend about the torso of a wearer and form a loop, a pocket on a surface of the elongated member and adapted to be positioned on the back of the wearer, and a target member comprising an elongated stem slidably received in the pocket and a target affixed to an end of the elongated stem exterior of the pocket secured to the elongated member and, the target adapted to engage an upper portion of a front arm of a wearer upon proper movement of the arm of the wearer during at an end of a batting swing and thereby cause the target stem to slide further into the pocket.

Claims 2-4: (Canceled):

Claim 5: (Currently amended): A baseball training device according to claim [[3]] 1, wherein the elongated stem has a slight curvature along its length so as to conform to the shape of the pocket.

Claims 6-7 (Canceled).

Claim 8 (Original): A baseball training device according to claim 1, wherein further including at least one shoulder strap attached to the elongated member.

Claim 9 (Currently amended): A baseball training device for use in improving batting skills, the device comprising an elongated member of at least a length to extend about the torso of a wearer and having two distal ends, a fastener for engaging the two distal ends of the elongated member so as to form a loop, a pocket on a surface of the elongated member and adapted to be positioned on the back of the wearer, and a target member comprising an elongated stem slidably received in the pocket and a target affixed to an end of the elongated stem exterior of the pocket secured to the elongated member and, the target adapted to engage an upper arm of a wearer upon proper movement of the arm of the wearer during at an end of a batting swing and thereby cause the target stem to slide further into the pocket.

Claims 10-12 (Canceled).

Claim 13 (Currently amended): A baseball training device according to claim [[11]] 9, wherein the elongated stem has a slight curvature along its length so as to conform to the shape of the pocket.

Claim 14-15 (Canceled).

Claim 16 (Original): A baseball training device according to claim 9, wherein further including at least one shoulder strap attached to the elongated member.